



The Royal Society of Western Australia

"Kelvin" Medal Recipients

1924-1997



The Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia was instituted in 1924 to mark the centenary of the birth of Lord Kelvin (26 June, 1825). The Royal Society Medal (originally referred to as the "Gold Medal" and then subsequently sometimes as the "Kelvin Medal" due to the association of the inaugural award with the centennial Kelvin celebration and because the medal bears in relief on its obverse side the head of Kelvin) is awarded approximately every four years for distinguished work in science connected with Western Australia.

The original dye for the medal, first struck in 1924, remains in the safe-keeping of The Society. The first three medals were struck in gold, and all subsequent medals in silver.

The first medallist of The Royal Society was Dr William J. Hancock, Government Electrical Engineer and Honorary Medical Radiographer at Perth Hospital, who in 1924 was the recipient of the Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia, in recognition of his pioneering work in the medical application of X-rays

The most recent medallists Dr Ernest Hodgkin and Dr Arthur McComb were presented with the Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia, in recognition of their contributions to estuarine and botanical science in Western Australia.

Recipients of the Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia: (reference to Journal of the Royal Society notice of medal award in parentheses)

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| 1924 | Dr W J Hancock: radiography; medical application of x-rays (10:xvii) |
| 1929 | Dr E S Simpson: mineralogy and geology of Western Australia (15:iv) |
| 1933 | Mr W M Carne: plant pathology; the bitter pit of apples (19:xi) |
| 1937 | Mr A Gibb Maitland: Pilbara survey and artesian water supplies (23:xi) |
| 1941 | Prof E de C Clarke: geology of Western Australia (27:v) |
| 1945 | Mr L Glauert: natural sciences (31:vi) |
| 1949 | Mr C A Gardner: botany, the flora of Western Australia (35:v) |
| 1955 | Dr H W Bennetts: veterinary science; live stock diseases (40:1) |
| 1959 | Prof E J Underwood: animal nutrition and husbandry (43:67) |
| 1966 | Mr C F H Jenkins: agricultural entomology and natural history (49:91) |
| 1970 | Prof R T Prider: geology; petrology and mineralogy (53:95) |
| 1979 | Prof R M Berndt: anthropology; aboriginal studies (63:29) |
| 1979 | Emer Prof B J Grieve: botany; ecophysiology and the flora of WA (63:29) |
| 1979 | Dr D L Serventy: zoology; ornithology and nature conservation |
| 1983 | Dr J S Beard: botany; vegetation classification and mapping (65:93) |
| 1986 | Prof C A Parker: soil biology |
| 1993 | Prof J R de Laeter: geophysics and geochronology (77:4) |
| 1995 | Emer Prof A R Main: zoology; ecology and nature conservation (78:89) |
| 1997 | Prof Ernest Hodgkin: estuarine studies (80:287) |
| 1997 | Prof Arthur McComb: plant growth and ecology (80:287) |